



# Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Reference Year 9 Return to School

It gives me great pleasure to communicate the positive news that pupils will be returning to face-to-face learning at BCHS from the week beginning Monday 8th March 2021.

In order to ensure that the return to school is as safe as possible, pupils will remain in their bubble system with the same hygiene and safety procedures that we had in place before the Christmas break. In addition to this, pupils who are not exempt will be required to wear a face covering in lessons where social distancing is not guaranteed. This is currently a temporary measure until the Easter break to support a safe transition back into school.

We have also been directed to carry out three lateral flow tests with the pupils during the first two weeks, three to five days apart, to support a safe return. The first of these will need to take place before pupils can return back to lessons in the classroom. As a consequence, ***your child will come into school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March between the hours of 10.00am - 12.15pm. Once we have received your consent form*** we will issue you with a specific time within which to come into school for your Lateral Flow Test during the above hours and then ***all of year 9 will return to BCHS on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March*** for their face-to-face learning. ***Their second test will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and their final test will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.*** Following on from the initial three tests pupils will undertake in school, they will be issued with their own testing kit that they will use at home under adult supervision. Please click on the link to watch the video below. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>

## **Covid Safe School Systems**

School will be run in the same way as before the Christmas break. Please can I ask that if your child or anyone in your household or extended household has any of the key Covid-19 symptoms that you keep them off school and follow the guidelines. This will again help to keep the community safe and ensure that we can keep school open to all pupils. Please can I also ask you to remind your child about the importance of having a clean mask with them every morning, that they adhere to all the guidelines and are in full school uniform at all times.

All students must bring in their own equipment and their PE kits on their timetabled PE days. Unfortunately, we are not able to loan equipment to students due to covid restrictions. There will be an extended assembly on Tuesday morning for all our year 11 children once they return. Our risk assessment has been updated on the school website and the key focus for pupils is, as always, on hand sanitisation and distancing wherever possible.

Although it is not compulsory for pupils to undertake the testing, we are recommending that consent is given for the increased safety of the whole community. Please can you ensure that you

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return the form that was sent to you last week via Parentapp or letter so that we can begin to organise the appointments and protect all of our school community.

Please may I also remind you about the deadline for option form submission. All students should have received their options form to complete electronically via email, if your child hasn't received theirs then please check their junk folder. If you are still unable to access the form, please contact Mr Gunn at school who can resend it. All forms must be completed and submitted by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shag Hussain', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mrs S Hussain**  
**Headteacher**